



# MOL School News

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## General Items:

**We WELCOME all new families and staff to our school and WELCOME BACK all those returning!! Hope you have a wonderful school year!**



## Calendar of Events:

- September 13 (Wed.) - MOLMS Liturgy – Gr.7/8  
Section 6 - 8:30 a.m. - OLOL
- September 14 - Marathon Planning Meeting –  
MOLE Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m. –  
*\*Parents encouraged to attend & get involved!*
- September 15 (Fri.) – MOLES Liturgy – Gr.4  
Mrs. Waltman's class - 8:30 a.m. – St. M.'s
- September 21 (Thur.) - School Picture Day –  
MOLE - a.m., MOLMS – noon
- September 21 - 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Night Mtg. – 7 PM –  
MOLE Cafeteria
- September 25 – NO SCHOOL FOR MOL STUDENTS –  
MOL faculty attending Diocesan Ministry Day

## **CRAFT FAIR PARKING – TWO LOCATIONS!**

The eighth grade advisory will be parking cars this Saturday morning for the annual Arts & Craft Fair. Parking will be available at the OLOL church parking lot and MOLMS parking lot. This is a fundraiser for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip.

Parking will also be available at the Initiative Foundation during the Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday. The MOL Washington DC group will be parking cars there to fundraise for their upcoming 2018 trip. Please consider supporting MOL through these parking fundraisers! Thank you! ☺

## **FAMILY PACKET FORMS**

Just a friendly reminder to our parents to please complete and return your family packet forms as soon as possible. This helps us process them quickly and efficiently! Thank you with your help with this!

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES!**

If any families are still in need of assistance to purchase or receive school supplies, please call either school office (MOLE – 632-5408 or MOLMS – 632-6742), and we would be happy to assist you!

## **MARATHON PLANNING MEETING**

**A planning meeting for the MOLS Marathon will be held this coming Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary of Lourdes Elem. Meeting Room (located in the east wing). We invite parents to attend this planning meeting and consider helping with this fun event!** Please contact Dawn Knopik, our volunteer coordinator (email address: [volunteermols@gmail.com](mailto:volunteermols@gmail.com), phone #: 632-5763) if you have any questions or need more information. Thanks ahead of time for your willingness to help with this annual school event!!



## **SCHOOL TUITION & LUNCH PAYMENT PROGRAM**

Parents, Mary of Lourdes encourages families to use a tuition/lunch/misc. payment program through Vanco Services. You should have received an information letter from the school with a payment form attached to it in a mailing prior to school starting.

By completing the new Authorization Form for Automatic Tuition/Lunch & Misc Payments through Vanco Services, your payments will be automatically withdrawn based on the plan you choose. We highly encourage all families to consider this method of payment, as it can both be a convenience for you and the school. Let us know if you need a form, and we would be happy to send one home for you.

**\*An optional payment feature:** Parents may also go on the MOLS website and find the MOL Online Payment link at the top right corner of the main page (under the Dress code policy), noted as ***“Make a Payment”*** directly to Vanco.

## **SECURITY SYSTEM INSTALLED AT MOL**

As many of you are aware, we identified our school safety and security as one of our key goals of improvement in our new MOL Strategic Plan created during our accreditation process last year. We are very excited to share that we have met this safety goal by recently installing a new security system in each school building. The system includes approx. 12 security cameras in and around each building and 2 card reader buzzer stations (1 at each building) to allow people to enter at our main doors. Both school buildings are now locked during the

bulk of the school day (approx. 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.).

**Please remember to press the buzzer at the card reader station (near the main entrance of each building) to enter.** We are confident that once we work out just a few more details on the security system, it will bring greater safety to our school campuses. Thank you for your patience as we all become acclimated to this positive change!

### **INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARENT & SCHOOL ORGANIZATION!**

The first Mary of Lourdes Parent & School meeting of the school year will be Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the MOLMS Library. (This is our parent organization.)

**All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!!**

This is a great way to get involved in Mary of Lourdes School! *Please mark your calendars and join us!* ☺

### **Parent & School Organization News....**

The Parent & School Organization has five fundraisers scheduled for this year. Please mark them on your calendars! Want to help with any of these fundraisers? Contact Dawn Knopik at [volunteermols@gmail.com](mailto:volunteermols@gmail.com) or 632-5763. A list will be started for any interested volunteers and you will be notified closer to the date of each event as volunteers are needed. Thank you!

\*Marathon – Wednesday, October 18 (starts around 1:30)

\*Carousel of Crafts – Saturday, December 2

\*Evening for Education – Friday, January 26

\*Formal Wear Sale – TBD

\*Catholic United Financial Raffle – ticket sales begin in February

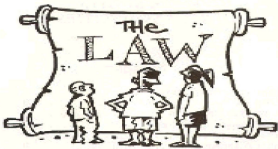
*A great big thank you to all the people who have signed up to volunteer already this school year! It has been a great start! Please watch for family emails regarding other volunteer opportunities!!* ☺

### **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**

School pictures will be taken on **Thursday, Sept. 21st** by Inter-State (formally known as Enstrom) Studios. The photographer will be at the elementary school in the morning and at the middle school in the afternoon. Packet information has been sent home with your child(ren)!

### **VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Each year we have parents who wish to volunteer their



time to work in the classrooms, field trips, or help with school events. We appreciate your help and service!

In accordance with the

Diocese of St. Cloud, all volunteers who have contact with students must receive annual training. **Please do this online by going to [www.stclouddiocese.org](http://www.stclouddiocese.org) (Diocese of St. Cloud webpage) and selecting Safe Environment tab. All volunteers must also view the video presentation for 2015-2016 and complete the form online (on the diocesan website).**

**If you are new to the volunteer training, please go online to the Diocese of St. Cloud website to complete the following forms:**

- Diocesan Misconduct Policy (English)  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT: Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Guidelines for Ethics & Integrity in Ministry  
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- Background Questionnaire Concerning Sexual Abuse
- Form B Background Check from “Mind Your Business, Inc.” for Volunteers

The receipts should be filled out online and a hard copy of Form B Background Check should be returned to either school office. We are required to do a background check for new volunteers and returning volunteers every 5 years.

**NEW & RETURNING VOLUNTEERS DO NEED TO COMPLETE ALL SAFE ENVIRONMENT DOCUMENTS.**

Thank you!!!

### **DATES TO NOTE ON THE MOL CALENDAR**

**Parents, please note: There are 2 days this school year when MOL teachers will be attending diocesan workshops and there will be NO SCHOOL for our MOL students, (however, the LF Community Public Schools will still be in session). **These dates are Monday, Sept. 25th & Friday, Oct. 13th.****

**We will be making up these student contact days on Wednesday, Oct. 4th and Monday, Jan. 15th.** Oct. 4th is a half-day for LF Schools, but MOL will be in session for the entire day. There will be no afternoon bus provided for your child(ren) that day. On Jan. 15th, the public school is not in session, so there is no busing provided in the a.m. or afternoon. **We are asking parents & guardians to please help with their children’s transportation on those 2 days.** Please note these dates on your calendars, so you can make arrangements for your child(ren). Thank you! We will send out reminders to you by email as time gets closer to these dates. Thanks for your help with this!

### **GRANDPARENTS DAY**

#### **AT MARY OF LOURDES ELEMENTARY**

This year’s Grandparents Day at the elementary building is Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 8:45 a.m. and includes a Mass at 9:30 a.m., lunch, and planned activities. Invitations will be coming home next week. If students see their grandparents during the Arts and Crafts Fair, it may be a great time to invite them to this special event!

**Elementary School:**

#### **WELCOME NEW KINDERGARTNERS, FAMILIES, & STAFF**

We would like to welcome all the kindergartners and new families to our elementary building this year! We also

welcome our returning staff, as well as our new staff members: Ms. Casey Klinker, our new Gr.6-8 Math teacher and Ms. Morgan Trang, our new K-6 General Music teacher (who will also teach individual student band lessons with Mr. Anderson). Casey Klinker is a very familiar face to the staff at MOLS! She is an alumna of Mary of Lourdes School, and a graduate of LFCHS & the College of St. Benedict. Morgan Trang is a native of Pierz and taught music at St. Cloud Christian School before coming to Mary of Lourdes this year. We look forward to a very exciting school year!

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND NIGHT**

Please mark your calendars...all 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to attend a Band Information Meeting on Monday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the MOLE cafeteria.

#### **MOL "EARLY BIRD" PROGRAM UPDATE**

The "Early Bird" Program is off to a great start at MOLE! Parents, please remember that if you drop your child off before 7:50 a.m., we ask that you make arrangements to enroll your child in our "Early Bird" Program (by completing the registration form found in your open house parent packet or stop by the office to receive a form). We request that you sign your child in each time you drop him/her off in our cafeteria. The cost is \$3.00 per child/per day and \$1.50 for each additional child in the family per day. If you drop your child off or s/he rides the bus, the drop-off time is from 7:50-8:05 a.m. and you will not be charged. Thanks for your help with this!

#### **MOL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ACCEPTING ENROLLMENTS**

Preschool registration for the 2017-18 school year is open to any families in the Little Falls area! **There are 3 openings left in the T/TH morning class.** Please call the elementary office if you have any questions about the program or would like a registration packet (632-5408).

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**Middle School:**

#### **WELCOME BACK**

A special welcome to all the fifth graders and new students in the middle school building, as well as returning students!

#### **ARRIVAL BEFORE SCHOOL**

Middle school students may be dropped off at (the earliest) 7:40 a.m. Students may visit in the hallways until 8:10 a.m. or work quietly in their advisory rooms. If this is a concern for any families, please contact Mrs. Becker to discuss other time options ([mhbecker@molschool.org](mailto:mhbecker@molschool.org), 632-6742). Thank you!

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Parents and students, please remember to sign the student handbook form stating that you have read and discussed the handbook guidelines. These forms should

be returned to school no later than Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you!

#### **MOLMS EVENTS:**

Sept. 15 – 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Student Council Speeches –  
8:15 a.m. – gym  
Sept. 19 – Gr.6 Water Day – (field trip to  
Camp Ripley)

#### **FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO SPANISH MASS THIS SUNDAY!**

Did you know that our Tri-Parish hosts a Spanish Mass every 2nd Sunday of the month at Holy Family Church, (Belle Prairie)? It starts at 4:00 p.m. There are English/Spanish Missals available for all to help with translation. Food will be served after the Mass in the gathering space. All families are welcome to attend!

#### **Schoenstatt Youth Group Open House Event**

*Are you looking to nurture a spiritual child?*

***Come check out the SCHOENSTATT OPEN HOUSE for boys' & girls' youth groups with the family!***

DATE: Sat., Sept. 16th

TIME: 2:00 PM

WHERE: St. James Catholic Church  
403 E. Minnesota Ave, Randall

#### **The Schoenstatt Movement Offers:**

- Guidance, education, & formation of children into pure & noble youth.
- Learning opportunities on how to be a reflection of the image of the Blessed Mother.
- Monthly group meetings, retreats, summer camps, pilgrimages, & more!
- Visits by Schoenstatt Sisters & Priests
- Open to all youth ages 5 & up.

***Monthly Schoenstatt Boys & Girls Group will meet on Oct. 7th and the 2nd Saturday in Nov.-May from 2:00-3:30 p.m.***

